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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: William R. Law  
Serial No.: 09/994,923  
Filed: November 28, 2001  
For: USE OF ADENOSINE DEAMINASE INHIBITORS TO TREAT  
SYSTEMIC INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE SYNDROME

PETITION TO REVIVE UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The present application was filed on November 28, 2001 as a continuation-in-part of international application No. PCT/US00/13987. It was intended to file the present application prior to the abandonment of international application No. PCT/US00/13987 on November 24, 2001, however, due to a mail failure the present application papers were not filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) prior to the abandonment date.

The present application papers were prepared in advance for filing by the November 24, 2001 deadline. On November 20, 2001 the USPTO posted a notice on its Internet Web site to the effect that "Express Mail" service to ZIP code 20231 was suspended. While an alternative was indicated in the notice, it was decided to forward the application via mail to the Washington, D.C. office of Barnes & Thornburg so that the papers would be hand delivered to the USPTO by the November 24, 2001 deadline. The papers arrived in the Washington, D.C. office of Barnes & Thornburg and were

promptly filed in the USPTO, however, as is evident from the November 28, 2001 filing date, they were not filed in time to be copending with parent international application No. PCT/US00/13987.

The failure to file the present application papers prior to the abandonment of international application No. PCT/US00/13987 was unintentional. In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), revival of international application No. PCT/US00/13987 for purposes of copendency with the present application is, respectfully, requested.

If additional information is needed, please contact the undersigned by telephone so that it can be promptly provided.

The applicant is a small entity and a check for the petition fee of \$640.00 as required by 37 CFR 1.17(m) is submitted with this petition. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 02-1010 (21726-92990).

Approval of this petition is, respectfully, requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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